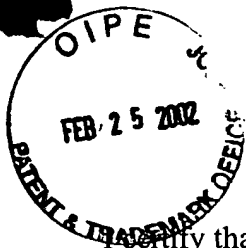
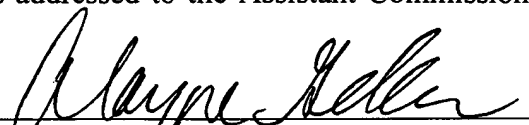


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In response to the Withdrawal Of Previously Sent Notice mailed January 7, 2002 (copy attached as Exhibit A), applicant respectfully requests a refund of the extension fee of \$400 paid on November 15, 2001 in response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply mailed October 30, 2001 (copy attached as Exhibit B). The extension fee was necessary to comply with the incorrectly issued "Notice of Incomplete Reply".

Respectfully submitted,

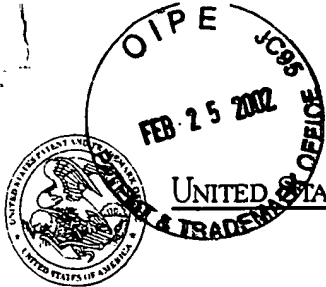

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WITHDRAWAL OF PREVIOUSLY SENT NOTICE

The Notice mailed on 10/30/2001 was sent in error and is hereby withdrawn. A corrected Notice is enclosed. The time period for reply runs from the mail date of the corrected Notice. We apologize for any inconvenience this caused.

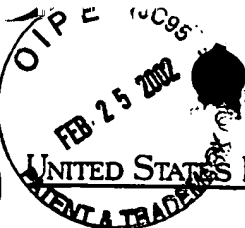
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NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

Filing Date Granted

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 10/01/2001 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 08/14/2001 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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